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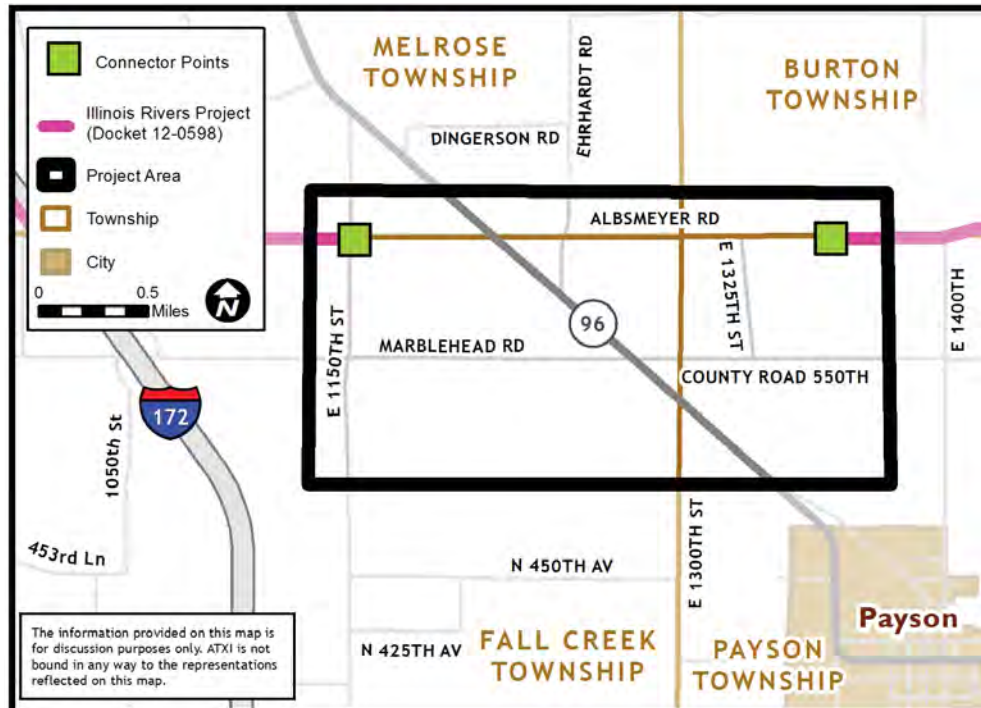
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'Stand with us': Thousands protest police killings

By MATTHEW BARAKAT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Thousands of protesters marched across the country Saturday — past the White House in the nation's capital, along iconic Fifth Avenue in New York and in the middle of Nashville's honky-tonk district — to call attention to the deaths of unarmed black men at the hands of police and urge lawmakers to take action.

Chanting "I can't breathe!" "Hands up, don't shoot!" and waving signs reading "Black lives matter," the demonstrators also staged "die-ins" as they lay down across in-

tersections, and in one city briefly blocked an onramp to an Interstate.

"My husband was a quiet man, but he's making a lot of noise right now," said Washington protest marcher Esaw Garner, widow of Eric Garner, 43, who died in July after being put in a chokehold by New York City police during an arrest for allegedly selling loose, untaxed cigarettes.

"His voice will be heard. I have five children in this world and we are fighting not just for him but for everybody's future, for everybody's past, for everybody's present, and we need to make it strong."

Organizers had predicted 5,000 people at the Washington march, but the crowd appeared to far outnumber that. They later said they believed as many as 25,000 had shown up. It was not possible to verify the numbers; Washington police do not release crowd estimates.

Garner's mother, Gwen Carr, called the demonstrations a "history-making moment."

"It's just so overwhelming to see all who have come to stand with us today," she said. "I mean, look at the masses. Black, white, all races, all religions. ... We need to stand like this at all times."



Demonstrators march on Pennsylvania Avenue toward Capitol Hill in Washington on Saturday during the Justice for All march. | AP Photo

Joining the Garners in Washington were speakers from the family of Tamir

Rice, a 12-year-old killed in Ohio as he played with a pellet gun in a park,

and the Rev. Al Sharpton, who helped organize the marches.



\$1.1T bill passed, avoiding shutdown

Spending bill will keep government open through September

By DAVID ESPO and DONNA CASSATA
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress cleared a \$1.1 trillion spending bill for President Barack Obama's signature late Saturday night after a day of Senate intrigue capped by a failed, largely symbolic Republican challenge to the administration's new immigration policy.

The vote was 56-40 in favor of the measure, which funds nearly the entire government through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. It also charts a new course for selected shaky pension

plans covering more than 1 million retirees, including the possibility of benefit cuts.

The Senate passed the bill on a day Democrats launched a drive to confirm two dozen of Obama's stalled nominees to the federal bench and administration posts, before their majority expires at year's end.

Several Republicans blamed tea party-backed Texas Sen. Ted Cruz for giving the outgoing majority party an opportunity to seek approval for presidential appointees, including some that are long-stalled.

It was Cruz who pushed the Senate to cast its first vote on the administration's policy of suspending the threat of deportation for an estimated four million immigrants living in the country illegally. He lost his attempt Saturday night, 74-22, although Republican leaders have vowed to bring the issue back after the party takes control of the Senate in January.

"If you believe President Obama's amnesty is uncon-

stitutional, vote yes. If you believe President Obama's amnesty is consistent with the Constitution, vote no," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid rebutted instantly, saying Cruz was "wrong, wrong, wrong on several counts," and even Republicans who oppose Obama's policy abandoned the Texas.

The spending bill, which cleared the House on Thursday, was the main item left on Congress' year-end agenda, and exposed fissures within both political parties in both houses.

It faced opposition from Democratic liberals upset about the repeal of a banking regulation and Republican conservatives unhappy that it failed to challenge Obama's immigration moves.

While the legislation assures funding for nearly the entire government until next fall, it made an exception of the Department of Homeland Security. Money for the agency will run out on Feb. 27, when Republicans intend to try and force

the president to roll back an immigration policy that removes the threat of deportation from millions of immigrants living in the United States illegally.

The legislation locks in spending levels negotiated in recent years between Republicans and Democrats, and includes a number of provisions that reflect the priorities of one party or the other, from the environment to abortion to the legalization of marijuana in the District of Columbia.

One, which drew vehement objections from the Democrats, would repeal a regulation imposed on banks in the wake of the near economic collapse of 2008. Critics called it a bailout for large financial institutions, but more than 70 House Democrats voted for it previously, and Obama made clear he didn't view it as a deal-killer.

The pension provision was a bipartisan agreement that opens the door for the first time to benefit cuts for current retirees covered by multi-employer funds in shaky financial condition.

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Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas talks with reporters Friday on Capitol Hill in Washington as the Senate considers a spending bill. | AP Photo

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HOSTAGES | FROM 1A

President calls killings 'barbaric murder'

Somers was believed to be in "imminent danger." The president, in a statement, condemned Somers' killing as a "barbaric murder," but did not mention the 56-year-old Korkie by name, offering condolences to the family of "a non-U.S. citizen hostage." The South African government said it was informed that Korkie died during the mission by American special forces.

"It is my highest responsibility to do everything possible to protect American citizens," Obama said. "As this and previous hostage rescue operations demonstrate, the United States will spare no effort to use all of its military, intelligence and diplomatic capabilities to bring Americans home safely, wherever they are located."

About 40 American special operations forces were involved in the rescue attempt, which followed U.S. drone strikes in the area, U.S. officials said. The rescuers, backed by Yemeni ground forces, advanced within 100 meters of the compound in Shabwa province when they were spotted by the militants. A firefight ensued.

Amid the fighting, U.S. forces saw a militant briefly enter a building on the compound, U.S. officials believe it was then that Somers and Korkie were shot. When Americans entered the building, they found both men alive, but gravely wounded.

Officials said that based on the location where

Somers and Korkie were being held, there was no possibility that they were struck by American gunfire.

U.S. forces pulled Somers and Korkie onto V-22 Ospreys, and medical teams began performing surgery in midair. One hostage died during the short flight; the second died after the Ospreys landed on the USS Makin Island, a Navy ship in the region.

The raid was over in about 30 minutes.

U.S. officials disclosed details of the mission on the condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the raid.

Saturday's operation was the second rescue attempt by U.S. and Yemeni forces to bring Somers home alive. On Nov. 25, American special operations forces and Yemeni soldiers raided a remote al-Qaida safe haven in a desert region near the Saudi border.

Eight captives, including Yemenis, a Saudi and an Ethiopian, were freed. Somers was not at that location. He and five other hostages had been moved days earlier, officials later said.

Roughly a dozen people are believed held by al-Qaida militants in Yemen.

On Thursday, al-Qaida militants released a video showing Somers and threatening to kill him in three days if the United States did not meet the group's unspecified demands or if another rescue was attempted.



Passengers board a Cape Air plane Friday afternoon at Quincy Regional Airport. | H-W Photo/Steve Bohnstedt

AIRPORT | FROM 1A

Cape Air has had 99% completion rate since June

by the city. He understands why a few members of the City Council questioned it, but he thinks the risks and rewards made the decision easy.

"The payback, the return, is definitely pointed in the direction we needed to go. We're spending \$15,000 to try to preserve \$1 million," Duesterhaus said. "The ones who didn't like the idea thought it was a little out of character for us to do marketing, and they didn't understand why we should start now."

Part of the marketing will get back to the hidden math that could lure travelers to take the flights, Hester said.

• It costs an average of 59

cents for each mile a passenger vehicle is driven.

• Lambert International Airport is 128 miles from Quincy and costs about \$75 for a one-way trip.

• Cape Air's one-way tickets are \$52.

• Parking also is free at Quincy Regional Airport. It costs a minimum of \$7 per day at St. Louis.

Hester said there are big savings in time, too. The flight to St. Louis takes 45 minutes, compared to about two hours of travel time in a car. Mandatory security screening takes 30 minutes or less at Quincy.

There are much longer security screening lines and longer waits at Lambert Field due to the number of travelers there. Cape Air passengers with connecting flights on the same course at St. Louis do not have to go through screening a second time.

Erin Hatzell, a marketing manager for Cape Air, said the airline had 162 enplanements during the first five

days of December. That's running a little ahead of the 30 passengers per day needed to hit the monthly goal, and the Christmas travel rush is still a couple of weeks away.

"We usually see a pretty good December. We're hoping to stay on trend," Hatzell said.

Last year the airport had 10,613 boardings. The numbers are behind that pace this year due in large part to harsh weather in January through April as snow and ice led to several flight cancellations — sometimes at Quincy and sometimes at St. Louis.

Cape Air bounced back with a 99 percent overall flight completion rate since June.

Hester said the \$1 million grant for airport projects is important in maintaining the value of a facility that the Illinois Department of Transportation credits with a \$13.8 million annual eco-

nomic output.

"They say we have 70 direct and indirect jobs because of the airport," Hester said.

Maintenance funds have been used in the past to repair part of a runway where the surface was heaving due to freezing and thawing.

A project that will be launched in the spring will realign taxiways so they are perpendicular to runways to improve safety as pilots have a clearer view of any air or runway traffic.

A wildlife hazard assessment also is scheduled soon.

The Aeronautics Commission has projects divided into short-term goals that will occur within three years and long-term goals that may be scheduled within the next 10 years.

"If we don't get that \$1 million, it means we've got to get more money from local taxes. We see it as a plus bringing \$1 million back into the area," Hester said.

{ REGION BRIEFS }

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GENEVA, ILL.

Judge won't move suspect's case to juvenile court

An Aurora man will be tried as an adult and not in juvenile court when he goes on trial in the 2005 death of a substance abuse counselor.

Garang Deng was 14 when he

allegedly killed Marilyn Bethell of Aurora. He pleaded guilty in 2009 in exchange for a 35-year sentence. The plea and sentence was overturned by an appellate court because it was less than the 45-year minimum required for using a gun.

Kane County Judge Thomas Stanfa ruled this week Deng's case won't be sent to juvenile court. Public defender Kelli Chidress argued prosecutors failed

to file a motion within 10 days of Deng's guilty plea asking a judge to determine if Deng could be sentenced as an adult.

Deng is next due in court on Jan. 21.

CHICAGO

Emanuel: City has 'a long way to go'

Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel is telling supporters the city has come a long way under his watch, but "we still have a long way to go."

Emanuel spoke at an event Saturday billed as the formal announcement that he is running again, though he filed his official petitions last month. State Democratic leaders, labor officials and Chicago aldermen attended the event.

The former White House chief of staff, elected in 2011, has raised millions and is already running television ads. Chicago alderman Robert Fioretti and Cook County Commissioner Jesus "Chuy" Garcia have filed petitions to challenge him.

Emanuel is highlighting improvements at Chicago Public Schools and the City Colleges of Chicago, as well as the city council's recent action to raise Chicago's minimum wage to \$13 per hour by 2019.

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High school head injury lawsuit filed

By MICHAEL TARM
Associated Press

CHICAGO — A former high school quarterback followed in the steps of one-time pro and college players Saturday by suing a sports governing body — in this case the Illinois High School Association — saying it didn't do enough to protect him from concussions when he played and still doesn't do enough to protect current players.

The lawsuit, filed in Cook County Circuit Court on the same day Illinois wrapped up its last high school football championship games, is the first instance in which legal action has been taken for former high school players as a whole against a group responsible for prep sports in a state. Such litigation could snowball, as similar suits targeting associations in other states are planned.

The lead plaintiff is Daniel Bukal, a star quarterback at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles until 2003. He received multiple concussions at the suburban Chicago

school and, a decade on, still suffers frequent migraines and some memory loss, according to the 51-page suit. Bukal didn't play beyond high school.

The IHSA did not have concussion protocols in place, putting Bukal and other high school players at risk, and those protocols remain deficient, the lawsuit alleges. It calls on the Bloomington-based IHSA to tighten its rules regarding head injuries at the 800 high schools it oversees. It doesn't seek specific monetary damages.

"In Illinois high school football, responsibility — and, ultimately, fault — for the historically poor management of concussions begins with the IHSA," the lawsuit states. It calls high school concussions "an epidemic" and says the "most important battle being waged on high school football fields ... is the battle for the health and lives of" young players.

In a brief emailed statement, IHSA Executive Director Marty Hickman said he wanted to keep the spotlight Saturday on the



Joseph Siprut, left, attorney to Daniel Bukal, a star quarterback at Notre Dame College Prep in Niles from 1999 to 2003, listens while attorney Steve Berman speaks at a news conference in July. | AP File Photo

playoff finals. But he said concussion management is "a top priority" and that the IHSA "will continue to be a leader" in reducing head-injury risks.

Bukal's Chicago-based attorney Joseph Siprut, who filed a similar lawsuit against the NCAA in 2011, provided an advance copy of the new lawsuit to The As-

sociated Press. The college sports governing body agreed this year to settle the NCAA lawsuit, including by committing \$70 million for a medical monitoring program to test athletes for brain trauma. The deal is awaiting a judge's approval.

The IHSA lawsuit seeks similar medical monitoring of Illi-

nois high school football players, though it doesn't spell out how such a program would operate. It contends new regulations should include mandatory baseline testing of all players before each season to help determine the severity of any concussion during the season.

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GOOD NEWS | FROM 1A

City 'comes together' in a crisis

difference in her life."

The campaign had a long-lasting effect on the family.

"This made a big difference in my daughters' lives as they grew up to be kind, giving women," Jones said.

"Kayla is a school teacher, and this is her way of giving back. Angie does day care and helps others as well. Tamra has a big heart and always wears a smile."

The Good News campaign mirrors what Quincy already offers.

"When a crisis comes, Quincy comes together and always comes through for somebody. It's a great town to live in," Jones said. "You just can't believe the people willing to help."

Count Jones and her family among those willing to lend a hand.

"I'm from foster care. I wouldn't have anything if

it wasn't for other people in my life," Jones said. "Every year I try to pay back something."

Making sure the Good News of Christmas continues is important to Jones because of what it can mean to other families.

"There are so many people doing without who need help," Jones said. "Good News searches it out, gets the people who honestly need this help."

BOND | FROM 1A

Last issue blamed on interpretation

Board meeting. "We're not just one of a few. We're one of thousands."

Attorney David Penn, who also does legal work for the district, said the filing of the self-reporting questionnaire was recommended by the district's financial and legal consultants. He agreed that many taxing bodies across the nation are taking part in the MCDCI, which the SEC developed to make sure municipal bond sales are conducted properly.

Penn said many bond issuers, including the Quincy School District, did not willfully try to withhold financial information that should have been reported on official statements before the sale of municipal bonds.

"The district hasn't held anything back. We're not concealing anything. It was just an interpretation issue," Penn said.

"It became such a widespread issue that the SEC said, 'We want to clean this up.'"

Penn says the district was required to file copies of its annual financial report with the SEC in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

"We made the disclosures, but they were not timely," Penn said.

In other words, the financial statements were submitted after SEC deadlines.

Then in 2012, when the district was getting ready

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David Penn, attorney on behalf of school board

to issue more general obligation bonds, a change in the district's bond rating was "not properly disclosed" on the district's pre-sale statement, Penn said.

Bernardi Securities, which served as underwriter for the district's bond sales in 2012, recently self-reported these disclosure issues to the SEC as part of the MCDCI program. Now the School Board is doing the same.

As a result, the district's failure to meet previous disclosure obligations will be prominently noted on official statements released to investors before the upcoming sale of the \$89 million bond issue.

Penn said filing the self-reporting questionnaire will give the SEC an opportunity to decide if a "material error" resulted from the district's disclosure issues. If such a finding is made, he said the SEC — under terms of the MCDCI — will recommend a settlement in which the issuer neither admits nor denies

the findings but agrees to "cease and desist."

"There are no financial penalties under the program," Penn said. "Basically what we would have to do is make our disclosure, and we would put in place policies and procedures to make sure this doesn't happen in the future."

Joel Murphy, the district's business manager, said the Quincy School District is far from alone in dealing with SEC issues involving the timely filing of financial statements.

"This is happening to literally thousands of issuers and municipalities out there," he said. "It was a procedural thing that we, and tons of other people, got caught up into."

Murphy said new policies being adopted by the School Board as a result of the MCDCI will put more checks and balances in place to help ensure all bond-related financial statements are filed in a timely manner in the future.

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Affidavit of Bryan Koettters

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1. I am over the age of 18 and am a resident of the State of Illinois. I have personal knowledge of the facts herein, and, if called as a witness, could testify completely thereto.
2. I suffer no legal disabilities and have personal knowledge of the facts set forth below.
3. I declare that the enclosed advertisement was published on the Quincy Journal from Sunday, November 30 thru Tuesday, December 16.

Under penalties as provided by Illinois law, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct.

Executed this 23rd day of February, 2015.

Bryan Koettters, Controller, Staradio Corp.
Bryan Koettters

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF ADAMS, ss:

This Affidavit was acknowledged before me on this 23rd day of February, 2015 by Bryan Koettters, who, being first duly sworn on oath according to law, deposes and says that he/she has read the foregoing Affidavit subscribed by him/her, and that the matters stated herein are true to the best of his/her information, knowledge and belief.

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{ NEWS BRIEFS }

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PEORIA, ILL.

Man charged with toddler's death

A central Illinois man now faces a first-degree murder charge after a toddler he's accused of beating died of his injuries.

Deon Davelle Wells, 19, was initially charged with aggravated battery.

According to police, his girlfriend's 19-month-old son, Kofi Harris, was brought unconscious to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center on Monday night. The boy had multiple injuries, including head trauma.

The toddler was pronounced brain dead on Tuesday and was later taken off of life support.

Peoria County State's Attorney Jerry Brady said at a hearing Friday that Wells hit the child and slammed his head into a hardwood floor.

CHICAGO

5 charged after Navy Pier brawl

Five people have been charged with reckless conduct after a brawl broke out at Chicago's Navy Pier. The disturbance forced the closure of one of the city's top tourist attractions.

Police spokeswoman Janel Sedevic says officers responded around 7:45 p.m. Friday. She says about 30 people were fighting among themselves.

Sedevic says police are not aware of any injuries and there was no damage to property. But broadcast reports quote fire officials as saying that one person was hospitalized.

CARBONDALE, ILL.

Former Gov. Jim Edgar to receive honorary degree

Former Republican Gov. Jim Edgar will be among several

people recognized with honorary degrees from Southern Illinois University at its spring graduation ceremonies.

The (Carbondale) Southern Illinoisan reports that Edgar will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Arts degree.

SIU President Randy Dunn says Edgar's "leadership, discipline, vision and commitment" to making difficult choices is a model "of what we look for in today's leaders."

COLLINSVILLE, ILL.

Giant ketchup bottle still unsold

The towering ketchup bottle that's a landmark in southwestern Illinois has been up for sale for five months, and apparently no one relishes buying the emblem of roadside Americana.

Mike Gassmann of the Cat-sup Bottle Preservation Group tells St. Louis Public Radio there have been no buyers of the 65-year-old, 170-foot-tall landmark near Collinsville.

The item billed as the "World's Largest Bottle of Catsup" went on sale in July at an asking price of \$200,000. A nearby building once served by the tower is listed at \$300,000.

KANKAKEE, ILL.

Catalytic converter thefts reported

Police in Kankakee County are investigating after as many as 30 catalytic converters were stolen from vehicles in the last two weeks.

The (Kankakee) Daily Journal reports that the converters were cut from exhaust systems. Bradley police say they have investigated between 10 and 15 reports. Kankakee has had about a dozen reports and there were four in Manteno on Monday.

The converters are attractive to thieves because they contain precious metals.

LIBERTYVILLE, ILL.

Marjorie Ann Peeler

DEC. 23, 1928 — DEC. 22, 2014



Marjorie Ann Peeler, 85, of Libertyville,

formerly of Quincy and Springfield, died at 11:15 a.m. Monday (Dec. 22, 2014) in the Winchester House, Libertyville.

Born Dec. 23, 1928, in Quincy, Marjorie was a daughter of Clarence and Clara Kaiser Featheringill. She married David Estil Peeler on March 23, 1957, in First Christian Church, Quincy. He preceded her in death on Aug. 25, 2003.

A graduate of Quincy High School and Gem City Business College, Marjorie worked with her husband, Estil, in their business, Peeler Accounting and Tax Service in Springfield.

A member of First Christian Church in Quincy and later in Springfield, Marjorie was active with Christian Women's Fellowship and taught Sunday school. She was also a member of the Civic Garden Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. Marjorie had a heart for helping others and volunteered her time with Meals on Wheels and as a Grandma's Helper at Carl Sandburg Elementary School in Springfield.

Marjorie was a devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who especially loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-

grandchildren and attending their various music, school and sports activities.

Survivors include two daughters, Ann Fern of Grayslake and Elizabeth Gorsich (Tom) of New Berlin; a son, David Peeler (Amanda) of Springfield; six grandchildren, Christina Moreno (Juan), Brandon Fern, Abigail Gorsich, Nicholas Gorsich, D.J. Peeler and Zachary Peeler; three great-grandchildren, Erick Zenteno, Maria Zenteno and Bella Zenteno; and many loving nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Peeler was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; twin great-grandchildren, Alex Moreno and Christian Moreno; a brother, Phil Featheringill; and four sisters, Helen Featheringill, Louise McCollum, Virginia Hotchkiss and Bess Delk.

SERVICES: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, in the Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home by the Rev. Steve Disseler. Burial will be in Greenmount Cemetery.

VISITATION: 10-11 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home.

MEMORIALS: Alzheimer's Association, in care of Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home, 1435 State St., Quincy IL 62301.

ARRANGEMENTS: Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed online at whig.com.

**ATXI-Exhibit 5.1 (Appendix F)****Larry E. Siepker**

MAY 6, 1954 — DEC. 23, 2014

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Larry E. Siepker, 60, of Quincy, died at

10:37 a.m. Tuesday (Dec. 23, 2014) in Blessing Hospital.

Born May 6, 1954, in Quincy, Larry was a son of Raymond "Ben" and Helen Kabrick Siepker. He married Sharon Benz on Sept. 11, 1976, in Quincy.

Mr. Siepker worked at various manufacturing companies in Quincy and was recently employed for a number of years at Graphic Packaging.

A member of St. Peter Church and a 1973 graduate of Payson-Seymour High School, Larry was active in basketball and baseball and played soccer while attending Lincoln Illinois Community College. Larry retained his love of sports and was an avid follower of the Payson-Seymour basketball and volleyball teams and helped coach Little League baseball.

He enjoyed going to the movies, attending antique car shows and woodwork-

ing. He also enjoyed family gatherings and Christmas dinners and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his mother, Helen Siepker of Plainville; a son, Corey Siepker of Quincy; a daughter, Laura Camillo (John) of Quincy; and two grandchildren, Zoe Camillo and Xeland Camillo, both of Quincy.

Mr. Siepker was preceded in death by his father, Raymond "Ben" Siepker.

SERVICES: 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 30, in the Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home, Payson, with the Rev. Cliff Wisenser conducting. Burial will be in Stewart Cemetery, near Plainville.

VISITATION: 4-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 29, in the funeral home.

MEMORIALS: Grandchildren's educational fund. **ARRANGEMENTS:** Zehender Robinson Stormer Cookson Funeral Home. Condolences may be expressed online at whig.com.

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Attendance at Lincoln Springfield sites dips

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — As Illinois prepares to mark the 150th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's assassination and the end of the Civil War, attendance is down at all five state-supervised sites dedicated to the former president in his hometown.

The (Springfield) State Journal-Register reports that even at the crown jewel — the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum, which is gearing up for its own 10th anniversary this year — the number of visitors could fall below 300,000 for the first time when the final 2014 figures are calculated.

Officials blame a \$1.1 million budget cut which forced shorter hours at eight historic sites in the Springfield area, staffed by fewer employees.

They say schools cut transportation spending, limiting field trips and suggested a public dust-up over removing control of the library and museum from Illinois Historic Preservation Agency might have contributed.

"We also have had to cut back on new programs, services and new events," Historic Preservation Agency spokesman Chris Wills said. "We're doing a lot of them, but with fewer employees, not as many as we'd like. It's harder to entice people to come back if you're stretched thin by just keeping the doors open."

Figures are only available through November.

Compared to the same period a year earlier, visitors at the library and museum were down 12 percent; a few blocks south, 22 percent fewer had stopped in at the Old State Capitol, where Lincoln served in the General Assembly and gave his signature 1858 "House Divided" speech.

There was less of a dip at Lincoln's New Salem State Historic Site in Pe-



Abraham and Mary Lincoln's carriage is on display as part of the Undying Words exhibit marking the 150th anniversary of the end of slavery, the conclusion of the Civil War and the death of Abraham Lincoln at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum and Library in Springfield. [AP Photo]

tersburg, north of Springfield, where Lincoln began his professional career.

There were bigger drops at the Lincoln Tomb and the Lincoln-Herndon Law Office, both of which were closed for large chunks of the year for renovation.

Doors opened less at three sites not related to Lincoln, as well — the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Dana Thomas House, the boyhood home of poet Vachel Lindsay and the Oak Ridge Cemetery memorials to veterans of World War II and the Korean and Vietnam wars.

Justin Blandford, superintendent of state historic sites, said full staffing would require 12 people; there are seven on the job.

"We're not able to do the kind of programming we'd like to do when we have to spend more time on basic things," Blandford said, adding that in 2015, "we hope to be able to make

up some ground and address that staffing."

The only month that attendance at the library and museum topped 2013 was in October — the month that Caterpillar Foundation funded visits by schoolchildren in cities that have one of the heavy machinery-maker's facilities.

Wills said public schools cut spending on bus transportation, which hurt. He said it's even possible the squabble over museum oversight played a part.

House Speaker Michael Madigan is behind legislation to make the presidential library and museum a state entity separate from the Historic Preservation Agency, prompting a debate that aired some dirty laundry among leaders of the state's historic treasures. "But we can't really say for sure," Wills said.

"It was a big topic of conversation over the past year."

Girl, 7, survives plane crash that kills 4 Illinoisans

By BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

KUTTAWA, Ky. — Bleeding and alone, 7-year-old Sailor Gutzler had just survived a plane crash that killed her family.

She walked through about a mile of woods and thick briar patches, wearing a short-sleeve shirt, shorts and no shoes in near-freezing temperatures when she saw a light in the distance.

The beacon led her to Larry Wilkins' home, police said, and she knocked on the door. Wilkins answered to find a thin, black-haired girl, whimpering and trembling.

"I come to the door and there's a little girl, 7 years old, bloody nose, bloody arms, bloody legs, one sock, no shoes, crying," Wilkins, 71, told the Associated Press on Saturday. "She told me that her mom and dad were dead, and she had been in a plane crash, and the plane was upside down."

Federal Aviation Administration officials arrived at the crash scene Saturday to try to determine why the small Piper PA-34 crashed on Friday evening, killing four people, including the girl's parents, Marty Gutzler, 48, and his wife, Kimberly Gutzler, 46, authorities said.

Also killed were Sailor's sister Piper Gutzler, 9, and cousin Sierra Wilder, 14. All were from Nashville, Ill. The bodies have been sent to Louisville for autopsies.

The plane reported engine trouble and lost contact with air traffic controllers around 5:55 p.m. CST, authorities said. Controllers had been trying to direct the pilot to an airport about 5 to 7 miles from the crash scene, authorities said.

About 40 minutes later, 911 dispatchers received a call from Wilkins, who reported that a girl who had been involved in a plane crash had walked to his home.

Wilkins told the AP he brought the girl inside, got a washcloth and "washed her little face off and her legs."

"Brave little girl, outstanding little girl," he said. "I feel real bad for her."

The girl had a broken wrist, but was coherent and calm when interviewed by authorities, Kentucky State Police Lt. Brent White said.

White and Wilkins described the terrain she walked through as heavily wooded with thick brush. White said the girl traversed two embankments, a hill and a creek bed.

The temperatures were below 40 degrees when the girl showed up at Wilkins' door.

"She literally fell out of the sky into a dark hole and didn't have anybody but her own will to live and get help for her family," White said. "Absolutely amazing."

The girl was treated at Lourdes Hospital in Paducah, Ky., and released early Saturday to a relative, Kentucky State Police said.



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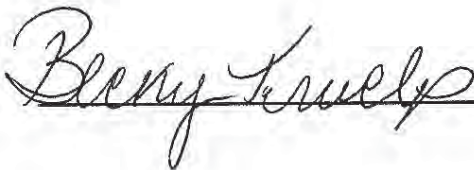
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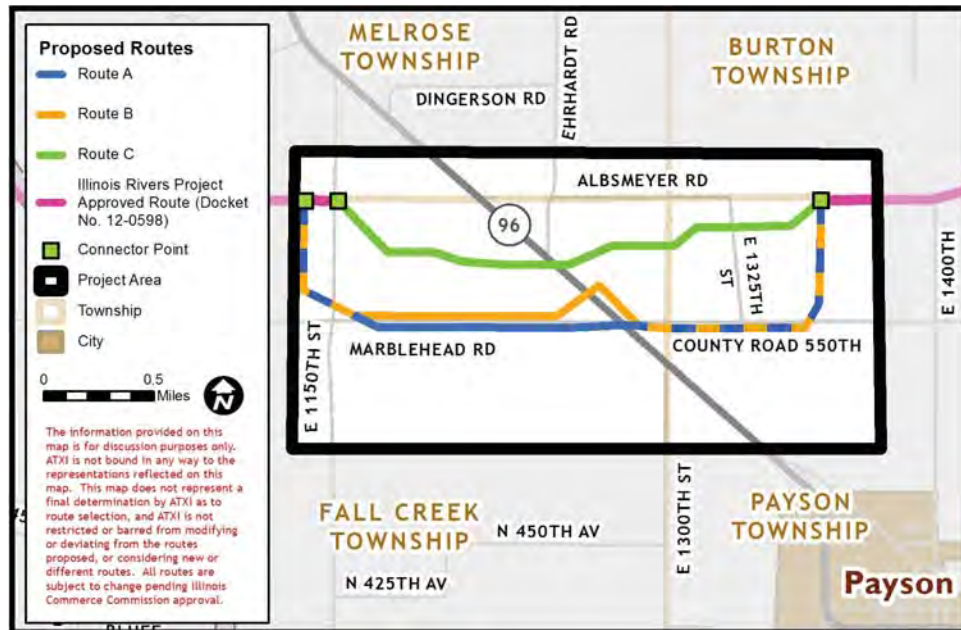
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Texas city that prepared for oil boom now waits for bust

By EMILY SCHMALL
Associated Press

SWEETWATER, Texas — Just two years ago, this Texas town known mostly for its annual rattlesnake roundup seemed to be on the brink of a transformation.

Expecting a huge influx of oil workers, local leaders spent tens of millions of dollars to improve the courthouse, build a new law-enforcement center and upgrade the hospital. Hotels, truck stops and housing subdivisions were to follow, all catering to truck drivers and rough-necks.

Sweetwater envisioned becoming a major player in the hydraulic-fracturing boom, thanks to its location atop the Cline Shale, once estimated to be the nation's largest underground petroleum formation.

But those ambitions are fading fast as the plummeting price of oil causes investors to pull back, cutting off the projects that were supposed to pay for a bright new future. Now the town of 11,000 awaits layoffs and budget cuts and defers its dreams.

"Here we are trying to figure out: Is this a six-month problem or is it all over?" said Greg Wortham, head of the Cline Shale Alliance, a private group founded to prepare the region for the oil workers.

Industry observers say what's happening in the Cline — a 10-county area



A well pump works at sunset Dec. 22 on a farm near Sweetwater, Texas. | AP Photo

on the eastern edge of Texas' Permian Basin oil field — signals a contraction in shale development nationwide.

"Sweetwater and the Cline are like the first domino falling," said Karr Ingham, an Amarillo-based economist focused on Texas energy. "Cline Shale development and all of the marvelous benefits are in the process of being significantly interrupted."

Sue Young, economic development director in neighboring Mitchell County, agreed: "The frenzy is gone."

Back in 2012, Oklahoma City-based Devon Energy triggered a flurry of leasing activity when it projected that the Cline held 30 billion barrels of oil, dwarfing both the Bakken Shale formation in North Dakota and the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas combined.

Wortham, at the time

Sweetwater's mayor, founded the alliance in the town 225 miles west of Dallas. Major projects soon began to take shape.

The county courthouse got a \$4 million face-lift. A \$12 million law enforcement center is nearly complete. The hospital is poised to receive \$31 million in upgrades, and an extended-stay hotel is under construction.

Sweetwater and surrounding Nolan County are no strangers to the oil industry's boom-and-bust cycle. They turned to wind energy in 2001. Today, the nearby mesas have one of the world's largest wind farms, generating abundant electricity and giving local officials millions of dollars in tax revenue to put toward new development.

But no one foresaw the steep oil decline of 2014. As recently as June, the University of Texas at San

Antonio projected that the Cline Shale would bring \$20 billion to the region by 2022.

These days, even the biggest oil-industry boosters are nervously eyeing the partially finished hotels, truck stops and mostly vacant industrial park, wondering if they are doomed to fail.

"Growth in that area of West Texas is almost entirely tied to oil and gas. But I think the expectations that a lot of people had were inflated," UT-San Antonio economist Thomas Tunstall said, acknowledging he was among them.

Devon, the largest leaseholder in the Cline, started letting its leases expire in September. Asked whether Devon had revised its earlier projections, spokesman John Parrotto would say only that the shale "isn't a focus" for the company.

Self-taught computer program finds superior poker strategy

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP Science Writer

NEW YORK — A computer program that taught itself to play poker has created nearly the best possible strategy for one version of the game, showing the value of techniques that may prove useful to help decision-making in medicine and other areas.

The program considered 24 trillion simulated poker hands per second for two months, probably playing more poker than all humanity has ever experienced, says Michael Bowling, who led the project.

The resulting strategy still won't win every game because of bad luck in the cards. But over the long run — thousands of games — it won't lose money. "We can go against the best players in the world and the humans are going to be the ones that lose money," said Bowling, of the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada.

The strategy applies specifically to a game called heads-up limit Texas Hold'em.

While scientists have created poker-playing programs for years, Bowling's result stands out because it comes so close to "solving" its version of the game, which essentially means creating the optimal strategy.

Poker is hard to solve because it involves imperfect information, where a player doesn't know everything that has happened in the game he is playing — specifically, what cards the op-

ponent has been dealt.

Many real-world challenges like negotiations and auctions also include imperfect information, which is one reason why poker has long been a proving ground for the mathematical approach to decision-making called game theory.

Thomas Sandholm of Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, who didn't participate in the new work, called Bowling's results a landmark. He said it's the first time that an imperfect-information game that is competitively played by people has been essentially solved.

Bowling's paper, released Thursday by the journal Science, introduces some techniques that could become useful for applying game theory in real-world situations. Bowling is investigating the possibility of helping doctors determine proper insulin doses for diabetic patients, for example.

Game theory has also been used to schedule security patrols, and it has implications for other areas like developing strategies for cybersecurity, designing drugs and fighting disease pandemics.

But Bowling doubts the poker strategy will let anybody make a fortune on the game itself. The kind of poker it applies to has waned in popularity over the past seven years or so, he said. Even online, the stakes tend to be small and "you'd be winning a few dollars, not raking in millions."

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